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publications are concerned, the rate is the net cost plus a certain percentage in order to cover the commission we give to the various sellers; as far as Acts and the proceedings of the Legislative Council are concerned, special rates are adopted to make them cheaper. I do not think that, by our adopting the Government of India rate, we shall be able to sell the publications at a lesser cost than we are now able to do."

Irrigation

Progress of the Palar Enquiry Committee.

* 544 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Palar Committee has concluded its labours;

(*b*) if not, at what stage its enquiries are; and

(*c*) whether the Mysore Government have given the information called for?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 713, dated 25th February 1935. The Mysore Government have since furnished certain statistics. These have been referred to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation for examination and report. The Chief Engineer's report is awaited.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I ask whether the Palar Committee will be given an opportunity to examine the statistics and the report of the Chief Engineer on the statistics? "

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter:—" I will see after I get the report from the Chief Engineer."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" When is the report likely to be received from the Chief Engineer? "

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter:—" I have no idea."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" In view of the long delay and in order to enable us to come to a final conclusion, may I know whether the Government would ask the Chief Engineer to expedite the submission of his report? "

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter:—" I should prefer that the Chief Engineer should examine these statistics carefully."

Alleged silting up of the tanks in the Palar Anicut System in the North Arcot district.

* 545 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the various tanks in North Arcot in the Palar Anicut System and the class under which they are classified, and the length of supply available;